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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of

Bakes, et al.

Application No. 09/820,504

Filed: March 29, 2001

Attorney Docket No. 9116/552

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

: AND WITHDRAWING THE

: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the "PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT", filed December 2, 2005, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed February 10, 2005. This Office action, a Restriction Requirement, set a one month extendable period for applicants to submit a response, electing an invention to be examined. A review of the application file reveals that applicants submitted a response on March 10, 2005, electing, with traverse, to prosecute the invention designed in the Office action as Invention I (Claims 1 - 6). Nevertheless, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 2, 2005.

As set forth above, applicants did timely file a response to the February 10, 2005 Office action.

Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee was required, and none has been charged.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3627 for consideration of the response filed March 10, 2005.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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